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**GROUP ART UNIT 2111**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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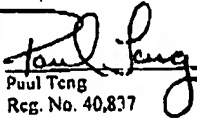
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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING CONNECTIONS OF PC CARDS AND A PASSIVE-CARD-ADAPTING CARD USED FOR CONNECTING ONE OF THE PC CARDS TO THE APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated May 3, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.